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- \*More on World Harvest Radio purchasing WSHB, South Carolina: WHR press release appeared after Christian Science one, but vague about what becomes of the original WHRI in Indiana: ``Angel 1 and 2 will be added to WSHB's signal``. Appears Noblesville facility will be decommissioned, and Cypress Creek renamed WHRI, but waiting for FCC approval. WHR website still refers to ``WHRI`` but IDs on air say ``World Harvest Radio International via WSHB``. Were originally 500 kW, now supposedly run at 250. Sounds like less, as does WHRA in Maine, ex-CS 500 kW, sounds like maybe 100 kW; old WHRI lucky to put out 25 kW. WSHB just what WHR needs to keep from fading into oblivion until WSHB breaks down and might be too expensive to fix. Schedule is now a mix of old WHRI and WSHB frequencies, but WHR now says WHRI is off the air, all programming on WSHB
- \*KTBN Salt Lake City still on 15590, June 23 at 2015 check; looks like it's about to close. Not much point in simulcasting TV audio; KTBN not a real radio station, just a transmitter site, with vapor-cooled Harris SW-100. Most cost effective solution might be to scrap the transmitter and sell the land. When Trinity purchased KUSW, lots of hype about worldwide coverage, but KUSW was really engineered to cover North America
- \*Steve Cole's final weekly Different Kind of Oldies show on WBCQ 7415 is UT Sunday June 27 at 0000; from July The Peacock Project occupies timeslot, independent producers rotating, including DKOS on July 25; also, first Saturday night, Golden Age of Oldtime Radio; second, The Voice of Savage Henry (garage rock); third, Down Under DX and Music Fest with Tim Gaynor
- \*Ever since Rush Limbaugh condoned mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners, there has been a petition campaign to get him off AFRTS; now Sen. Tom Harkin, Iowa, has amended DOD appropriation to ensure balance in AFRTS' ``uninterrupted voice`` talk stream, tho retaining Limbaugh
- \*AFRTS heard on new 9980-USB // 7590, perhaps Iceland ex-13855; 9940 was actually coordinated for AFRTS Iceland this season
- \*IBB update on leasing trends over past year: longer time blocks, more TV, FM, satellite; less SW and leased facilities --- the exact figures. But IBB is still a major SW broadcaster [IBB = Voice of America and other US government services]
- \*Why some major AM stations devote so much time to paid religion: KAAV 1090 has miserable ratings in Little Rock, but prints money with very little overhead, \$90-100K per month revenues, \$4-6K expenses; just one program Friday night with oldies for an hour
- \*Pirate on 660 and 91.3 in Victorville CA, ``KRSX``, busted by FCC after 3 years; Route 66 Radio was best run and most visible; now legal station on 1590 honors it by adopting callsign
- \*Yosemite and Crater Lake National Parks not good for DXing due to local electrical noise just about everywhere
- \*Yet Dave Valko heard CRN, Papua New Guinea, 4960, from Crater Lake,

1214-1425 fadeout

- \*R. New Zealand International relay via Australia heard at 2130 [UT Sun-Thu] on 15515
- \*Richard Cuff thinks RNZI won't really make much use of DRM once it gets new transmitter; mostly analog for the rest of the decade
- \*New MW relay of BBCWS to northern India, 1630-1800 UT on 576, but BBC does not say whence. It's Surkhet, Nepal, 100 kW
- \*UAE Radio Dubai still lacking English at formerly scheduled times, 0330 on 13675, 15400, 12005; 1330 and 1600 on 15395; 21605 was off
- \*Standard disclaimer
- \*The Media Magazine you Monitor with your Mind, World of Radio 1235; woradio at yahoo.com or P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702 USA; our website has much more: <http://worldofradio.com>
- \*Thanks this week for financial support go to Gerald T. Pollard
- \*Radio Free Syria started SW broadcasts June 20, Sundays 1800-1900 on 13650 via Germany; see <http://www.radiofreesyria.org> Says Syrian exile businessmen support it; 13650 had a bit of DW audio before RFS opened. Heard in Latin America and Europe, perfect in Bulgaria
- \*Radio Georgia external service reconfirmed, 0630 in English on 11805.3, with better audio than before, but sidesplatter
- \*Another test of the Alexandersen Alternator in Sweden, SAQ, 17.2 kHz, July 4 at 0830, 1030 and 1230; see <http://www.alexander.n.se/sa6q.htm>
- \*YLE Radio Finland denies report two weeks ago that SW may close at end of this year; to continue until end of 2006 at least
- \*July 1 is postponed deadline for end of SW from Radio Slovakia International. Still nothing definite whether 50 megacrowns will be granted
- \*DW refuses to publicize it, but DW World DX Program still airs on last Sunday of month, confirmed May 30, toward end of these English hours: 08, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 22; for frequencies see <http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html>
- \*BBC Radio 4 decided against replacing Alistair Cooke's Letter from America. Sundays at 0750 UT from July will bring State of the Union, setting scene for US election; later, Letter, postcards from worldparts, as already on WS. Christopher Hitchens had been mentioned as possible successor, but never offered the job. Radio 4 believed no one but Cooke could sustain an argument over 15 minutes
- \*MC-1 no longer on MW 1467 from Monaco, just low power FM 98.2, the only station actually transmitting from Monaco, all others from French soil; <http://www.one.mc>
- \*Radio Europe, 7306-USB, presumably in Italy, more or less pirate, to test powerful new 600 watt transmitter June 26-27 0600-1100; reports wanted to radioeurope @ iol.it
- \*Unrelated clandestine stations confuse with similar or even identical names, as last week. 21550 is V. of Democratic Path for Ethiopian Unity, Sun 0700-0800, supposedly cancelled, but they also air Wed 1830-1930 on 15565; the other one, V. of Ethiopian Salvation, heard Thu 1600 on 15670 also via Germany

- \*Sentech, South Africa will no longer issue QSLs. Supply has run out and will issue verification letters instead
- \*Libya's service in Arabic to Iraq schedule: all start and end 3 minutes past the hour, so is their clock off? Rounded off here: 12-13, 18-19 and 21-22 on 9605, 9745, and new 11180, all USB; plus 16-22 on AM 11660. V. of Africa, English news 1920-1923 on 15205, 15315, then French
- \*RFI relay via French Guiana during the 1300 hour on 15515 has had heavy buzz every day for a week, not so on 17860. Is nobody monitoring in Montsinery? Same transmitter might be doing the same at other times on other frequencies
- \*Mexican radio fans not pleased about closure of Radio Mexico International without adequate justification; see Spanish items in DXLD 4-095. Prof. Rocha in Chihuahua wrote a letter to Pres. Fox and includes links to political parties in order to lobby to revive it; Roberto Gomez says final close was at 2300 UT June 1. Site had 5 transmitters: 1 x 100, 1 x 50, 3 x 10 kW but one of the latter had been destroyed by someone with a hatchet so it could be sold for scrap metal. Let's hope that was the blobmitter
- \*XEPE, 1700, near Tijuana operating sporadically, often off in afternoons, evenings. Licensed for 10/1 kW, but has 20 kW transmitter and owner has exceeded power at KURS 1040, Jaime Bonilla Valdez. ABC and 550 station have petitioned FCC to revoke his US licenses, for causing interference to their US outlets. Needs permission to feed his US programming across the border
- \*RCI added more French and English programming to SE US, especially 1900-2200 English on 17765, including CBC programs not on SW before: M-F 1900-2100 The Roundup; Sat 1900-2200 DNT0; Sun 2000-2200 Cross Country Checkup
- \*CBC Radio One and Two launch summer schedule June 28 with 19 new shows; see <http://www.cbc.ca/radiosummer>
- \*International Radio Club of America convention in Boise, Idaho, July 23-25. Inquiries go to IRCA2004 @ aol.com
- \*Propagation outlook from Boulder June 22; flux range 110-85-115
- \*World of Radio 1235 concludes; I'm Glenn Hauser ###